GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PAK`S ROLE IN TERRORISM
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;RENUKA CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistani military is deeply involved in the militancy in Jammu and Kashmir, especially in smuggling terrorists into India across the line of control as reported in the `Indian Express` dated January 29, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the Government reaction thereto including the steps taken/proposed to be taken to foil the Pak designs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a)-(c) Pakistan`s sponsorship of cross border terrorism and infiltration in Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of India, is widely acknowledged by members of the international community. This is very often reflected in the media coverage on Pakistan. The article published in the international newsmagazine `Time`, and referred to in the Indian Express issue of 29th January 2001, is an example of this coverage.

Government are firmly resolved to take all necessary measures to defeat Pakistan`s sponsorship of cross-border terrorism, and to preserve the security and territorial integrity of the country. Government have also been calling upon Pakistan to abandon its sponsorship of terrorism, so as to create an appropriate environment, which is an obvious requirement for the resumption of a meaningful dialogue.